

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful assistance provided and courtesies extended during the Interview of January 6, 2004. The discussion below constitutes a statement of the substance of the Interview.

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-5, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Sukegawa et al.* (USPN 5,636,329).

Claims 6-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sukegawa et al.* (USPN 5,636,329) in view Applicants' allegedly admitted prior art.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Claims 1, 6, and 19-20 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are presently pending with claims 1-9 and 19-20 being under consideration. As indicated by the Examiner during the Interview, the amendments to the claims are deemed to raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. Accordingly, this paper is being filed together with an RCE.

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a)

Claims 1-5 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Sukegawa et al.* (USPN 5,636,329). Claims 6-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sukegawa et al.* in view Applicants' allegedly admitted prior art. Applicants traverse the rejections for at least the following reasons.

For example, with respect to independent claim 1, as amended, Applicants respectfully assert that *Sukegawa et al.* does not disclose an anisotropic conductive film formed to cover the

entire upper and side surfaces of transparent conductive layers. Here, as discussed during the Interview, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly reflect that the entire upper and side surfaces are covered and not only some portions of the surfaces. Moreover, as discussed during the Interview, Applicants respectfully assert that *Sukegawa et al.* and AAAPA, whether taken singly or combined, do not teach or suggest an insulating film recited in independent claims 6 and 19-20, as amended.

Applicants respectfully assert that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) should be withdrawn because the applied art does not teach or suggest each feature of independent claims 1, 6 and 19-20. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that dependent claims 2-5, and 7-9 are allowable at least because of their respective dependence from independent claims 1 and 6, and the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

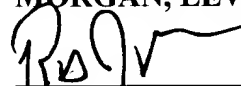
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